

## Story idea

Mike gets cancer after being exposed to radiation outside at an early age from a dark corridor who was then given doors to keep everyone away from it

he wants to go back to his abandoned home that he used to live in before him and his family moved out to a tiny city which is sealed from the outside world

he missed looking at the real sky even if the only memory of looking at the sky he has was when it was a storm when him and his family were fleeing their home running to the submarine

his family doesn't want him to leave them in his final days of living because they didn't want him to go to the country they used to be in because they knew he wouldn't be treated like a human being and because they wanted to be with him and spend time with him until his final breaths, they were worried

but he didn't want to hear it because he knew he wouldn't be able to stop his anxiety of having a short time before dying by being with them and the only calmness that he remembers in his life is when he was at home, playing with his plane, playing hide and seek with his Neighbor's kids in the forest, going to the arcade with them on the weekends

He only has a month to get to his abandoned home but the only way out of the concealed place he was living in

was a dark hallway that he and his friend found behind tall bushes and trees next to their old School, he was still terrified of it so he couldn't let himself do it alone the dark hallway leads to the outside but they needed not only radiation resistant suits but also travel miles into the dark hallway because if he exited right outside of where they lived the suits wouldn't be strong enough to fight against the radiation

He called his school friends at night in their house through their windows if they could help him get home

Almost All of them told him to stay with his family and when only Elizabeth was the option he didn't begin the conversation with him wanting to go home but how literally everybody doubted him and that they didn't want him to go there and he expresses why he wanted to go there as a desperate attempt to at least have her on his side

She feels too sorry for him even if she didn't want to she decided to agree to go with him

Mike steals the suits from his school's science lab and they both march onward

them opening the door to the outside when they'd get there however it would have a consequence of the entire city being irradiated, not to a point that everyone would die but enough to give them disabilities and alter their dna

but he didn't allow himself to just stop and convinced Elizabeth that if they did it quickly enough it wouldn't do anything

his friend wouldn't really like Mike's decision making but she couldn't let herself hurt his heart

but once they get in trouble with an aggressive family for him stealing food from them to survive who'd try to hunt him down with their guns

She'd finally express that she misses old Mike and that he was being a selfish idiot willing to kill both her and him she would want to go home but she didn't want to go back telling them what he did or what happened, she was too scared but didn't help him do anything from then on

The family with a ship who'd let them into their house as guests would all have masks

The father who'd want to wear a mask in case an armed person shows up making it easier for them to kill him because they wouldn't see him as a human as much

The mother who's daughter got used to looking at her with the mask on since a very young age so she'd wear it to make it more comfortable to her

And the daughter who'd have a mask on not only because she wants to mimic her mom but also because her father wants her to because every time he looks at her face it reminds him of that she could die at any moment, she wasn't able to walk anymore nor see nor hear as well as she used to

Him looking at her eyes horrifies him and reminds him of it making it harder for him to cope with it and sleep at night making it harder for him to gather supplies for them from the abandoned village to finish making the ship so that they would sail off to a place where the radiation hasn't hurt anyone or anything

The ship was already built but it wasn't stable and strong enough because some parts were made of wood planks, wood that was too old, weak and wet

the ship was made of house items: a radiator, painting, planks, bent metal poles as guard rails, open books as floors, bottles full of air underneath it to keep the boat up more easily and broken off chair and table pieces

Their house was mostly empty so they might have used their supplies as well

After Mike would steal the ship in the middle of the night Elizabeth would try to stop him from sailing it finally doing something against him

The ship would get in a storm and crash into a house close to the shore

Elizabeth's suit would be damaged because of a loose radiator ripping off the ship and hitting it

Close to the end of the story Mike will have a choice, either give up his radiation suit to give it to his friend who's suit was damaged speeding up his death process from a day that he needs to get to his home to 3 minutes and losing his cognitive functions and memories in that

span of time or have her die from the radiation but finally reach his childhood home

I honestly don't know which one he'd choose in this case

If he chose to go home and drag her body there as well he would sit in front of his porch crying, hating himself for everything he has done and feeling more anxiety than before

he would wish he had enough time to go back and pay amends for everything he has done to everyone, he started hating himself for everything he did

His home looking like a wreck didn't help neither, he was worried about his family, he was sad for Elizabeth's family and was even sad to take away food from people who were just trying to survive in such harsh conditions and he was so sorry for the kind people who allowed them in their home and spent time with them who just hoped to use their ship that they've worked so hard for so long for to sail to their home

he would take off his suit sitting on his favorite swing and die swinging for the last time, neither would his body nor Elizabeth's would be found until none of their family members were alive anymore and their story would never be known

Or actually he'd swing on his swing before thinking to himself that he could do something right for a change and sprint to the broken boat that Elizabeth got hurt from and direct it to the place where the family was and sail it there right before dying as the boat would move forward with his dead body in it

Finally doing something right

If he didn't and instead gave his suit up for Elizabeth they'd talk with each other one more time and he'd express his feelings towards how he didn't want her to take the blame for everything he has done but instead tell them the truth about how selfish and unkind he truly was, he'd sit down on a rock and then lean against it slowly losing his ability to move, then his eyes would turn grey making him blind and his final word would be "Angel?"

before his body would go limp

Elizabeth after returning the ship would spend two months with them helping them rebuild the ship with not only the parts that they had but also bent metal bars, broken off food planks and items she could find in the house that they crashed into that didn't get taken away by the water when she sailed it back

Elizabeth would go back home where half of everybody she cared for lost their memories and some of their cognitive functions

Her grandmother would ask what happened, she would explain that it was all her fault, she was the one who convinced Mike to go outside and the one who went outside with him, She was the one who lied to Mike about how nobody would get hurt if they opened the door, she was the one who stole food from a starving family, she was the one who took away a boat from a nice family who saved them in their travels who've been working for decades on making their boat to sail to their home

she wanted to be the one that should've died from the radiation because of how much she hated herself and that she realized what she has done

Her Grandma wasn't able to take the information well but she did decide to keep that lie a secret and make up a new lie to everyone else who wanted to find out what happened because then even if she thought she did too many bad things even then she thought she did everything she could to give her friend the best last day of his life and spend his final days with him and learning at least a little more about him before his final day

So then only Elizabeth was the only human in her entire city who knew the true story of the boy who wanted to live a happy life for the last day



when she'd grow older and write the story in her journal  
she'd travel out and make amends to every person they  
did something wrong to before seeing Mike's corpse still  
wearing the suit, still with his head exposed and still  
leaning against the rock and with the same expression

she would put her journal in his hand, put her hand over  
his and sit next to him

and that would be the end

I feel like this could work more like a video game than a  
story because in the game you could choose which one  
you would choose and learn the story from both their  
perspectives

If there was only the first ending we'd just see his regret  
and pain realizing everything he did was horrible but he  
wouldn't be able to help the people he'd want to help  
On the other hand if Elizabeth survived she'd help them  
but Mike wouldn't do anything